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OFFICE OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE
INCREASED INTELLIGENCE READINESS

1. Sino-Soviet Bloc strategic planners may estimate that the period of transfer of authority from one U. S. administration to its successor is a time when the U. S. would be most vulnerable to Bloc action. Thus, it is conceivable that the Bloc might seek to take advantage of this period to maximize the element of surprise and minimize the speed with which U. S. reaction would take place.

2. Therefore a posture of particular intelligence readiness from 18 January 1961 until further notice by the elements of this Office engaged in the indications-watch functions will be in effect.

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